

## OPINION 854

AMPLEXIZAPHRENTIS VAUGHAN, 1906 (ANTHOZOA):  
DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers all designations of type-species for the nominal genus *Amplexizaphrentis* Vaughan, 1906, made prior to the present Ruling are hereby set aside, and the nominal species *Zaphrentis curvulena* Thomson, 1881, is hereby designated to be the type of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Amplexizaphrentis* Vaughan, 1906 (gender: feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Zaphrentis curvulena* Thomson, 1881, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1795.

(3) The specific name *curvulena* Thomson, 1881, as published in the binomen *Zaphrentis curvulena* (type-species of *Amplexizaphrentis* Vaughan, 1906) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2243.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1669)

The present application was submitted to the office of the Commission in November 1964, by Dr. C. L. Shrestha. The application was sent to the printer on 22 November 1965 and was published on 31 January 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **22** : 348–350. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two palaeontological serials. The proposals were supported by Dr. M. Mitchell (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **23** : 82–83) and Prof. P. K. Sutherland.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 2 January 1968 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (67)55 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **22** : 349. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 2 April 1968 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—eighteen (18), received in the following order: Mayr, China, Holthuis, Boschma, Vokes, do Amaral, Binder, Jaczewski, Bonnet, Obruchev, Lemche, Sabrosky, Munroe, Uchida, Tortonese, Ride, Alvarado, Forest.

Negative votes—four (4): Simpson, Brinck, Mertens, Kraus.

Voting Paper not returned—one (1): Evans.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

*Prof. P. Brinck* (27.iii.68): “I feel very doubtful. A more simple way to solve the problem would be to take up *Triplophyllites*, a name which is not at all (as far as I understand) controversial and to drop the junior synonym *Amplexizaphrentis*.”

*Dr. O. Kraus* (2.iv.68): "I cannot vote for the application: the applicant only explains that *Amplexizaphrentis* 'has achieved a certain stability'. The name has been revived as late as 1940. There is no word in the whole application indicating that *Amplexizaphrentis* has any importance."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Amplexizaphrentis* Vaughan, 1906, *Quart. J. geol. Soc. Lond.* **62** : 315-316  
*curvulena*, *Zaphrentis*, Thomson, 1881, *Proc. phil. Soc. Glasg.* **13** : 223, 236.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (67)55 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 854.

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